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Fisher!

"HER NAME IS KYRA. SHE IS A SUNRUNNER, A YELLOW SKINNED RACE OF REMALON WHO HAVE THE ABILITY TO BREATHE FIRE, WHOSE OUTER BEAUTY IS MATCHED BY HER INNER FLAME FOR LIFE.

"WE HAVEN'T KNOWN EACH OTHER LONG, ONLY A NIGHT, REALLY.

YET SHE'S SHOWN MUCH AFFECTION FOR ME."

"ALONG WITH SHAMUS, SHE DEFENDED ME AGAINST XENIF, BUT FELL VICTIM TO HIS RAGE. SHE TOLD ME IT WAS OUT OF LOVE AND THAT I WAS TOO IMPORTANT TO THE CONTINUATION OF OUR KIND TO BE HARMED."

"I NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO TELL HER HOW IMPORTANT SHE WAS AS WELL

BUT I FEAR HER INNER FLAME WILL SOON BE EXTINGUISHED, FOREVER."

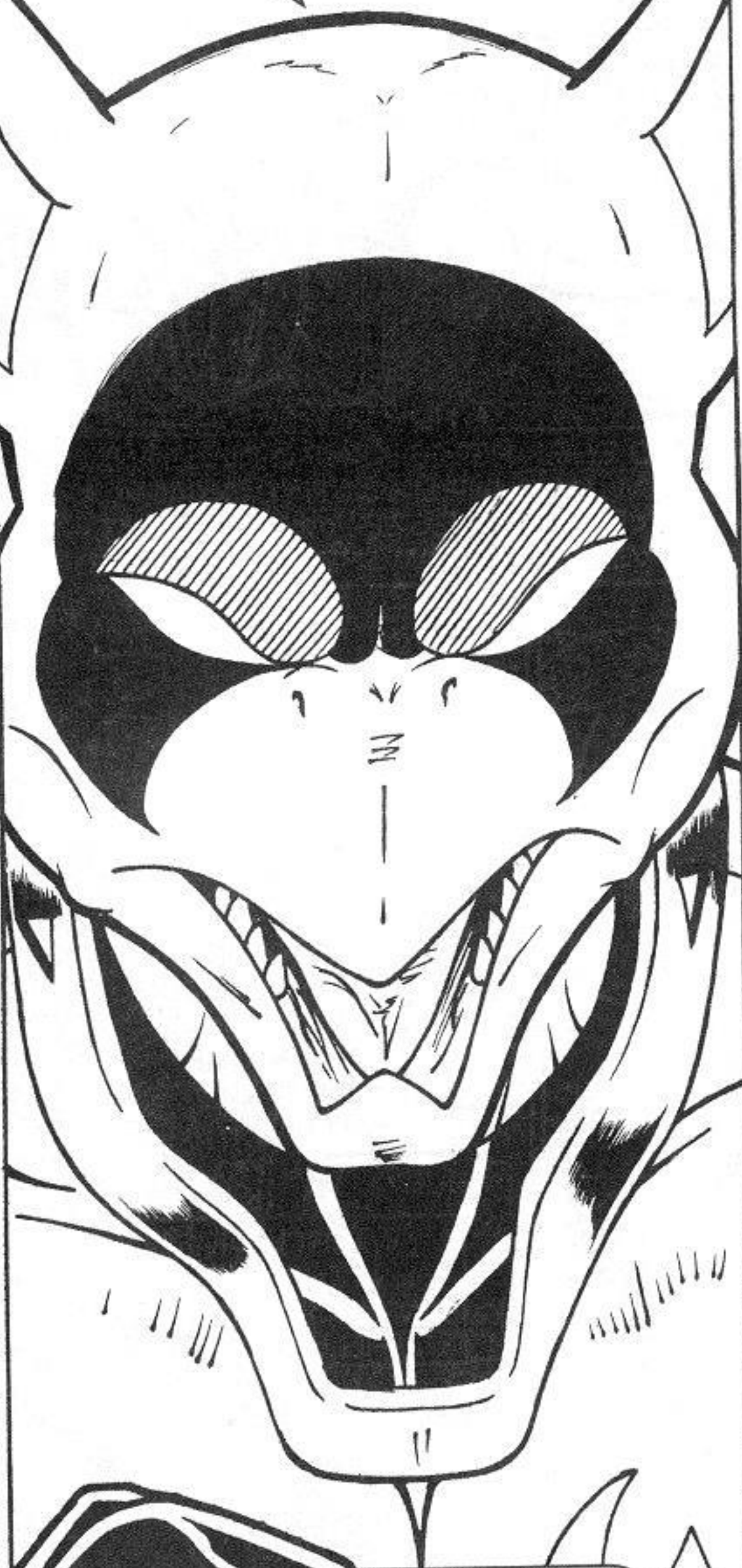
I DIDN'T GET THE CHANCE TO DEFEND HER..."

"BUT I WILL AVENGE
HER DEATH"

FORBIDDEN LOVE

PART 4

XENIF!
MURDERER!



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THIS ISSUE DEDICATED TO THE
MEMORY OF FELTON 'POPPA FELT'
TAYLOR.

RRRAAAGH!



UNMUS!



YOU MONSTER!
YOU TOOK HER
LIFE WITHOUT A
MOMENTS
HESITATION!



WE SOUGHT
TO WARN YOU!
YET YOU
ATTACKED US!

ALL SHE WANTED
TO DO WAS PROTECT
ME, TO BE LOVED AND
YOU TOOK HER LIFE,
NEVER TO BE
RETURNED!!

SHE'S GONE
FOREVER!

HER RACE
IS GONE
FOREVER!!



THEN SHE SHOULDN'T
HAVE GOTTEN IN MY
WAY!
AND YOU SHOULDN'T
HAVE TRIED TO STAND
BETWEEN MY BELOVED
AND I.



JUST AS YOU
ARE...

NOW!

BUT NO LONGER.

I WILL PUT AN END TO YOU
AND YOUR ANNOYING
INTERVENTIONS NOW,
ONCE AND FOR ALL!

XENIF, PLEASE!
THIS IS CRAZY!

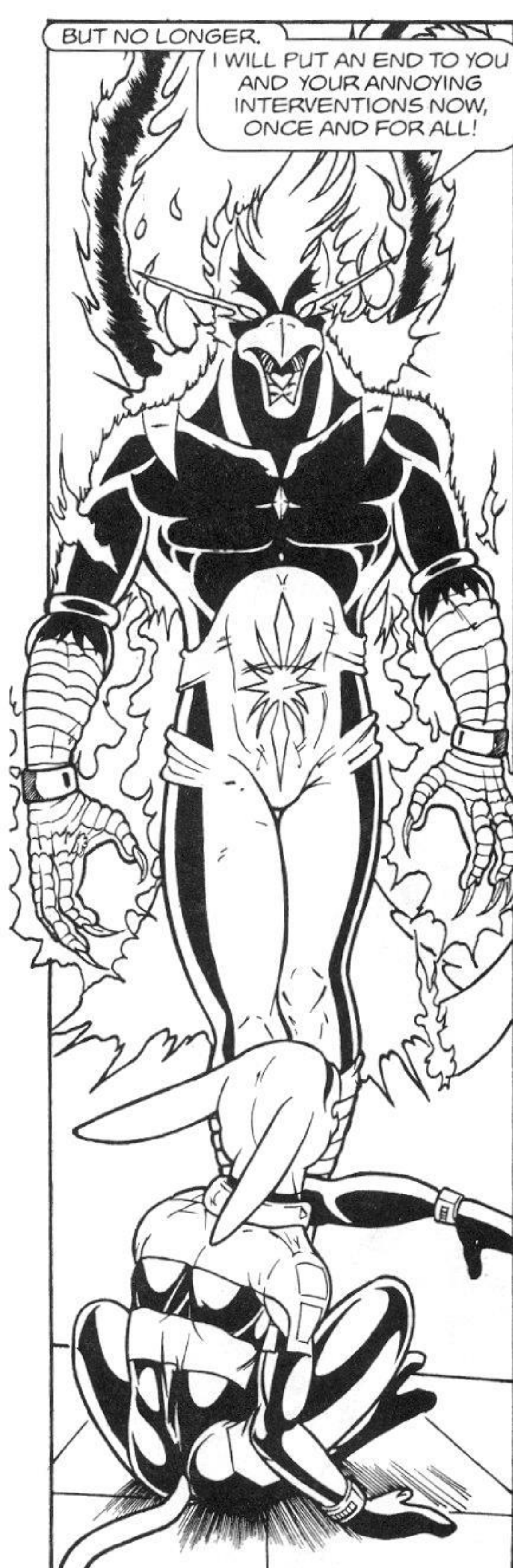
YOU HAVE ME, LET
THEM GO! NO MORE
BLOODSHED!

NO! KYRA
WILL BE
AVENGED!

FOOL!

I CAN'T LET YOU
DO THIS UMNUS!

SHAMUS? WHAT
ARE YOU ...





LORD XENIF!
IS ALL WELL?

NO YOU IDIOT! HAVE THE CASTLE
IT ISN'T! SEARCHED.



TAKE THESE TREACHEROUS
WENCHES TO THE DUNGEON
AND DISPOSE OF THAT
BODY.

AND KNOW THIS, ONLY
BY PHENIX'S WISHES
DO YOU STILL
LIVE.

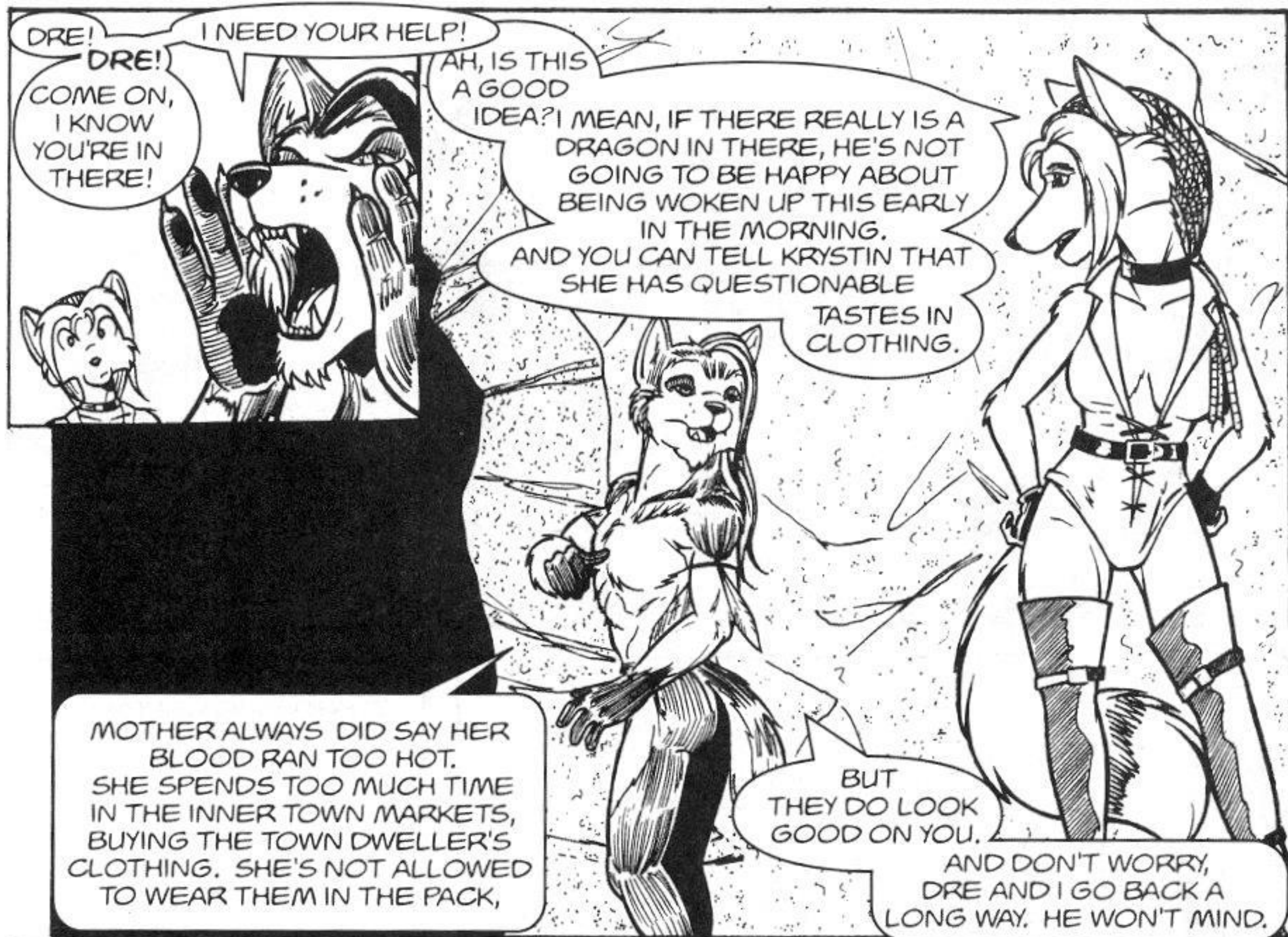


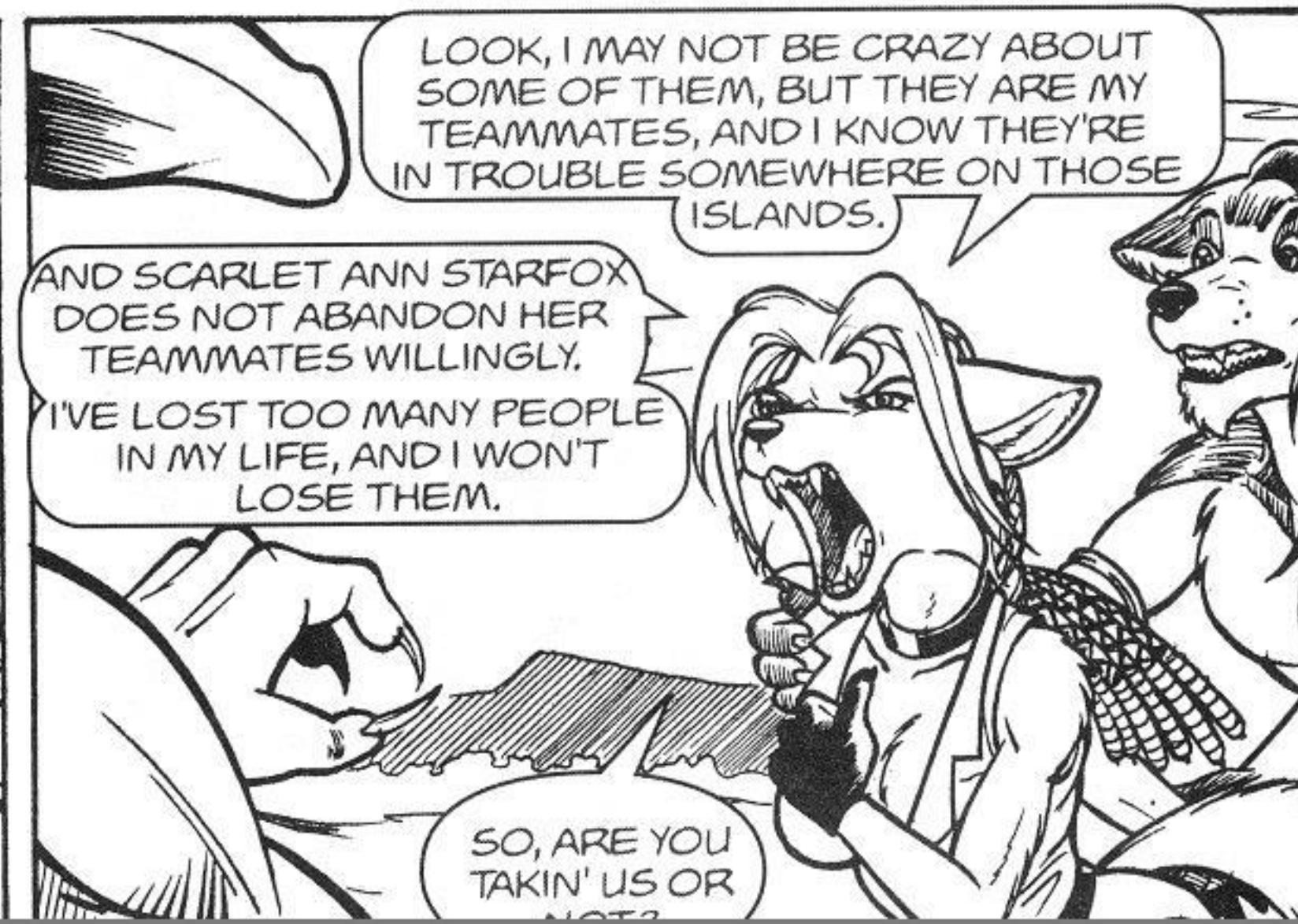
AM I TO BE TAKEN
AS WELL, MASTER?

COME PHENIX, LET'S FIND
QUIETER NESTING.

THANK YOU MASTER,
IT WAS MY PLEASURE.

ONYX?
NO, YOU'VE
SERVED ME WELL AND
WILL BE REWARDED.







HA HA HA HA!
I'LL GIVE YOU THIS
LUCUS; SHE'S GOT
CLAWS.
BETTER THAN A
LOT OF THE FEMS YOU
USUALLY BRING
HOME

OKAY, YOU WIN.
I'LL TAKE HER.



WHAT'S SO FUNNY AND WHY
ARE YOU GOING TO THE
ISLANDS, DRE?

SUNDANCE.
SOMEONE IS IN
TROUBLE AND MY
FRIEND NEEDS
MY HELP.



I WILL GO
WITH YOU.

NO LOVE, STAY
HERE WHERE
IT'LL BE SAFE.
I'LL BE
OKAY.



COULD YOU GET
MY HARNESS AND
CLOTH?

SIGH.
VERY WELL.

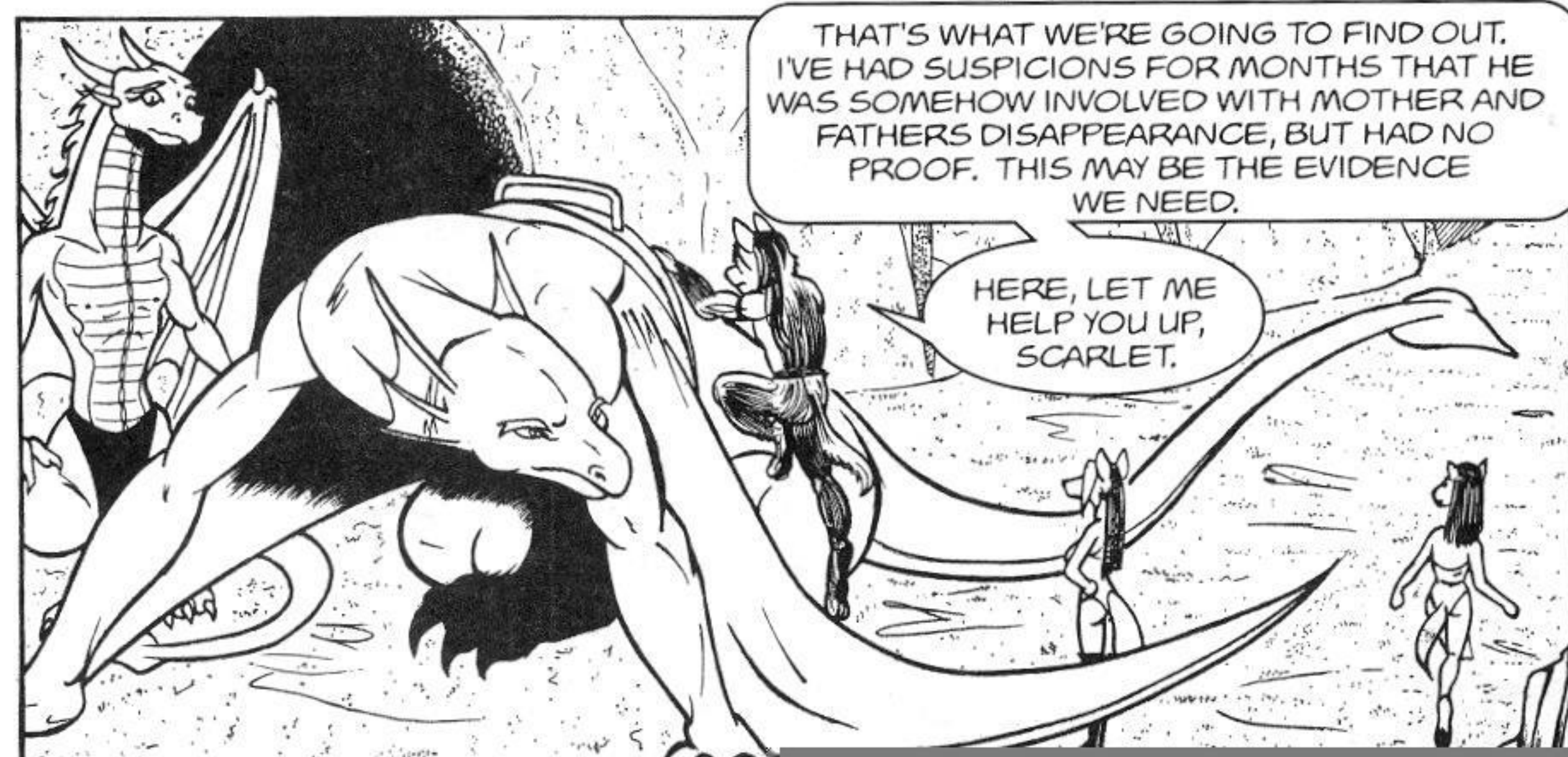
LUCUS!
LUCUS!



KRYSTIN?

LUCUS, ONE OF
THE NIGHT GUARDS
SAW JERAN TAKING A
SKYRAY TO THE
FLYING ISLANDS!

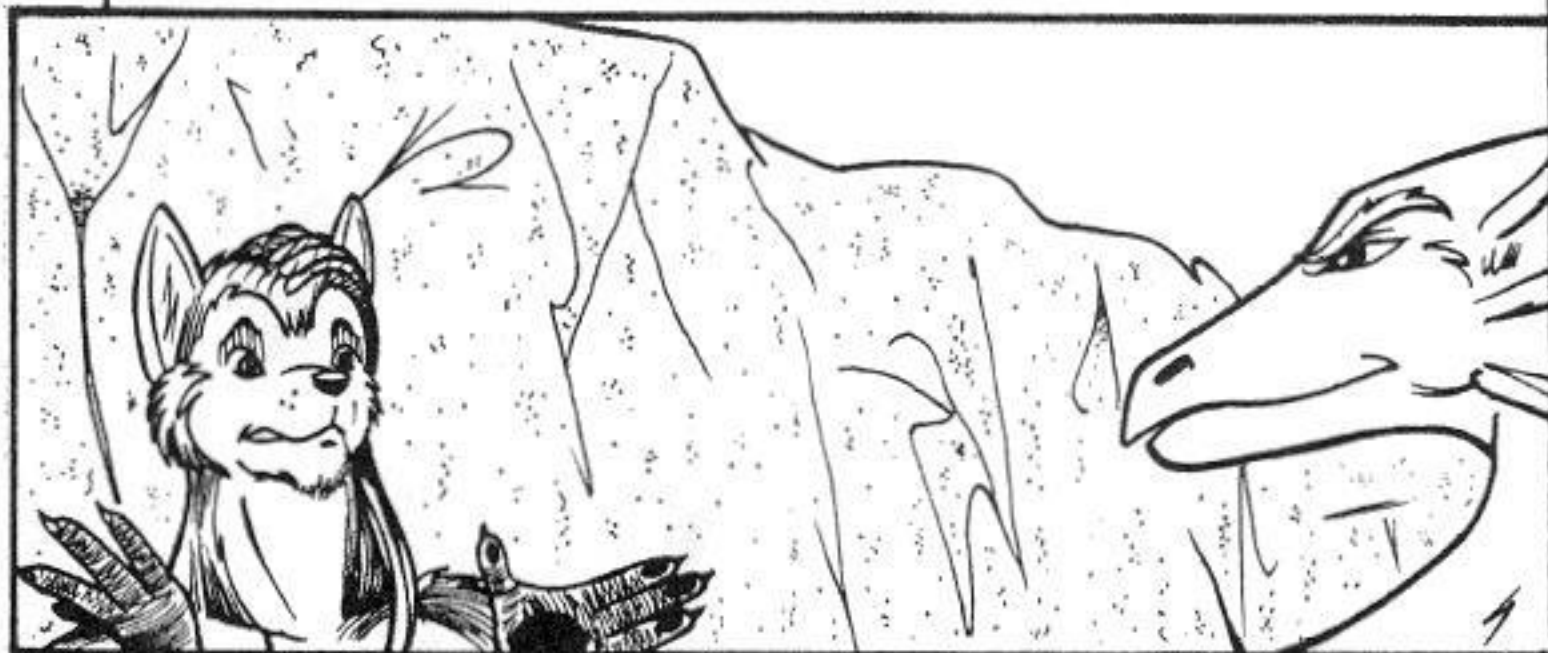
BUT WHY
WOULD HE GO
THERE?



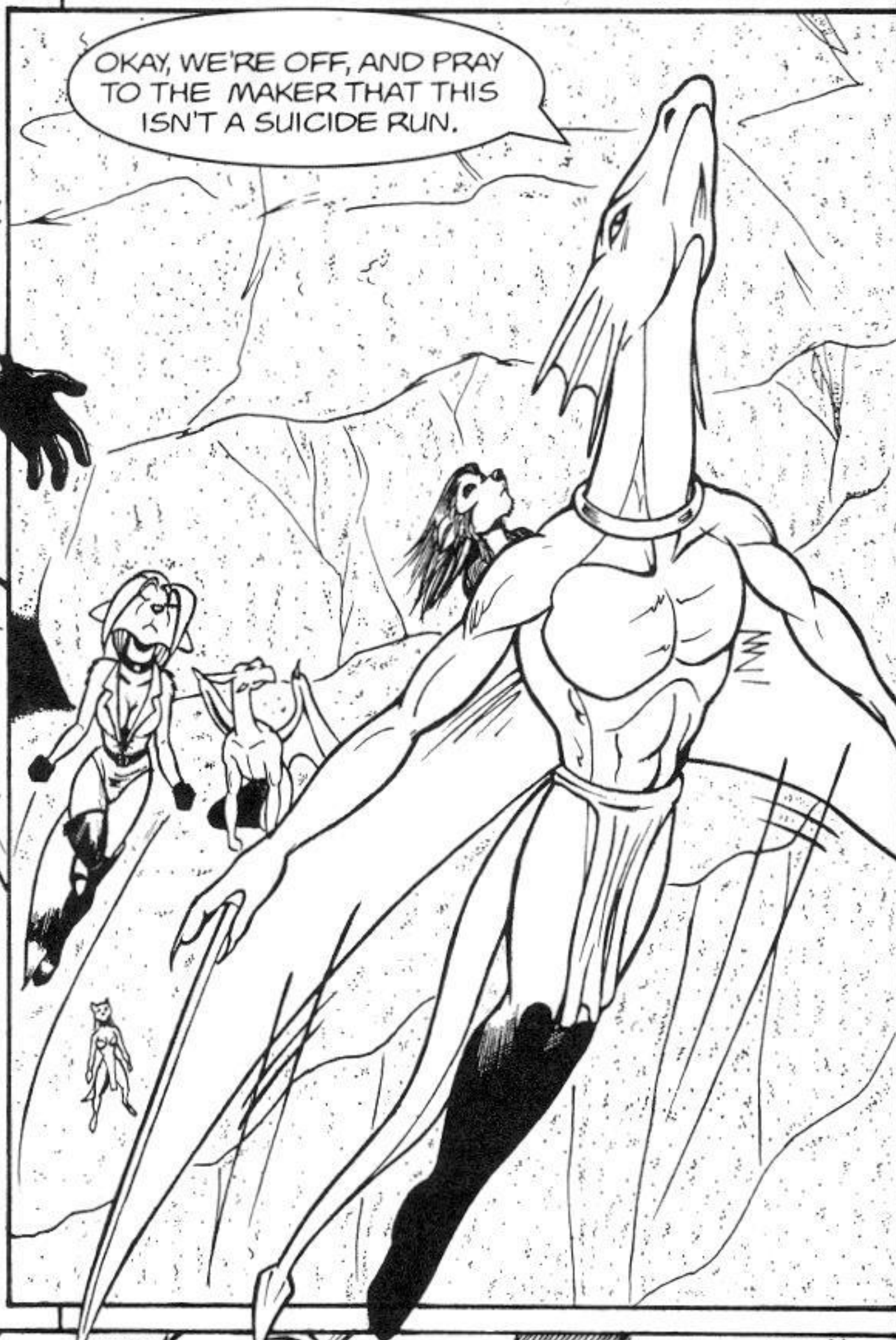
THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT.
I'VE HAD SUSPICIONS FOR MONTHS THAT HE
WAS SOMEHOW INVOLVED WITH MOTHER AND
FATHERS DISAPPEARANCE, BUT HAD NO
PROOF. THIS MAY BE THE EVIDENCE
WE NEED.

HERE, LET ME
HELP YOU UP,
SCARLET.

THAT'S OKAY.
I CAN PROVIDE MY
OWN TRANSPORTATION.
JUST LEAD THE
WAY.



OKAY, WE'RE OFF, AND PRAY
TO THE MAKER THAT THIS
ISN'T A SUICIDE RUN.



ARE WE THERE
YET?



WE'RE JUST ABOUT THERE,
MY YOUNG FRIEND. THE ONE
I TAKE YOU TO KNOWS MUCH
ABOUT THE GARDEN AND OUR
FOE.

IN TRUTH, YOUR COMING TO THIS LAND
WAS FORETOLD, THOUGH I DIDN'T
BELIEVE IT UNTIL I
SAW YOU ALL FALL
FROM THE
SKY

PROPHET, I HAVE BROUGHT
THEM AS YOU ASKED.

AH, YES.
SO THE VISIONS
HAVE COME
TRUE. COME IN,
COME IN,

WE ARE IN NEED OF
YOUR ASSISTANCE. OUR
COMRADE HAS BEEN
KIDNAPPED BY AN AVIAN
NAMED XENIF.

AH, AND YOU SEEK TO
GAIN KNOWLEDGE OF HOW
TO DEFEAT THE DARK STAR
CHILD, YES?

"I KNOW OF THE ONE YOU SPEAK OF, AND THE
ONE YOU SEEK TO RESCUE. THEY ARE BOTH
ONE HALF OF THE SAME COIN, THIS XENIF AND
THE FEMALE AVIAN PHENIX"

"DO NOT BE SURPRISED. MINE IS
THE GIFT OF PROPHECY, YOU'RE COMING
WAS FORESEEN MANY CYCLES AGO.
MY KNOWLEDGE OF THESE TWO PARTICULAR
PHOENIXES IS VERY EXTENSIVE."

"LISTEN AND I WILL TELL
YOU THEIR TALE."

PHOENIXES ARE SEMI-IMMORTALS.

WHILE THEY CAN DIE, THEY ARE REBORN ANEW, EXCEPT WITH A NEW BODY AND PERSONALITY.

THE MEMORIES OF ITS PREDECESSOR ARE PASSED ONTO THE NEWBORN HATCHLING.

"HOWEVER, ONE PHOENIX, BY THE NAME OF PHIONIX, DID NOT HEED THE WARNING OF HIS ANCESTORS AND FELL IN LOVE WITH A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG FEMALE AVIAN NAMED PHELIA.

"THEIRS WAS A LOVE OF LEGEND THAT RAN DEEP AND THEY LIVED A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE TOGETHER."

THEY ARE FREE TO ROAM THE GALAXY AS THEY PLEASE, BUT OFTEN CHOOSE A PROTECTORATE TO LIVE OUT THEIR DAYS.

OFTEN THEY LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES AMONGST MORTALS PEACEFULLY, BUT THEY ARE FORBIDDEN TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ONE, FOR THEIR LIFE CYCLES WOULD FAR SURPASS THAT OF ANY MORTAL LOVER AND THE PAIN THEY'D FEEL WOULD BE GREAT.)

"BUT, AS WITH ALL MORTALS, HIS BELOVED'S LIFE WOULD SOON RUN ITS COURSE, AND THE GREAT SPIRIT

COLLECTOR CAME TO CLAIM WHAT, BY RIGHT, WAS HIS."

"PHIONIX, HEARTBROKEN, REFUSED TO ALLOW THE DEATH SEEKER TO

COLLECT HIS BELOVED'S SPIRIT."

"INSTEAD, HE CALLED UP HIS STAR BLADE AND CHALLENGED DEATH HIMSELF, REFUSING TO LET HER GO WITHOUT A FIGHT."





DEATH VERSES
EVER RENEWING
LIFE

"THEIR BATTLE WAS
THE FIERCEST EDEN
HAD EVER SEEN.

PHIONIX FOUGHT
NOBLY..."



"BUT ALAS, THIS
WAS A FIGHT THAT
NOT EVEN HE
COULD WIN."



"PHAROBUS THIS TIME WAS VICTORIOUS
IN HIS LONG RIVALRY WITH THE
PHOENIX RACE AND TOOK HIS PRIZE,

LEAVING PHIONIX WITHOUT
HIS STAR BLADE AND HEART
BROKEN."



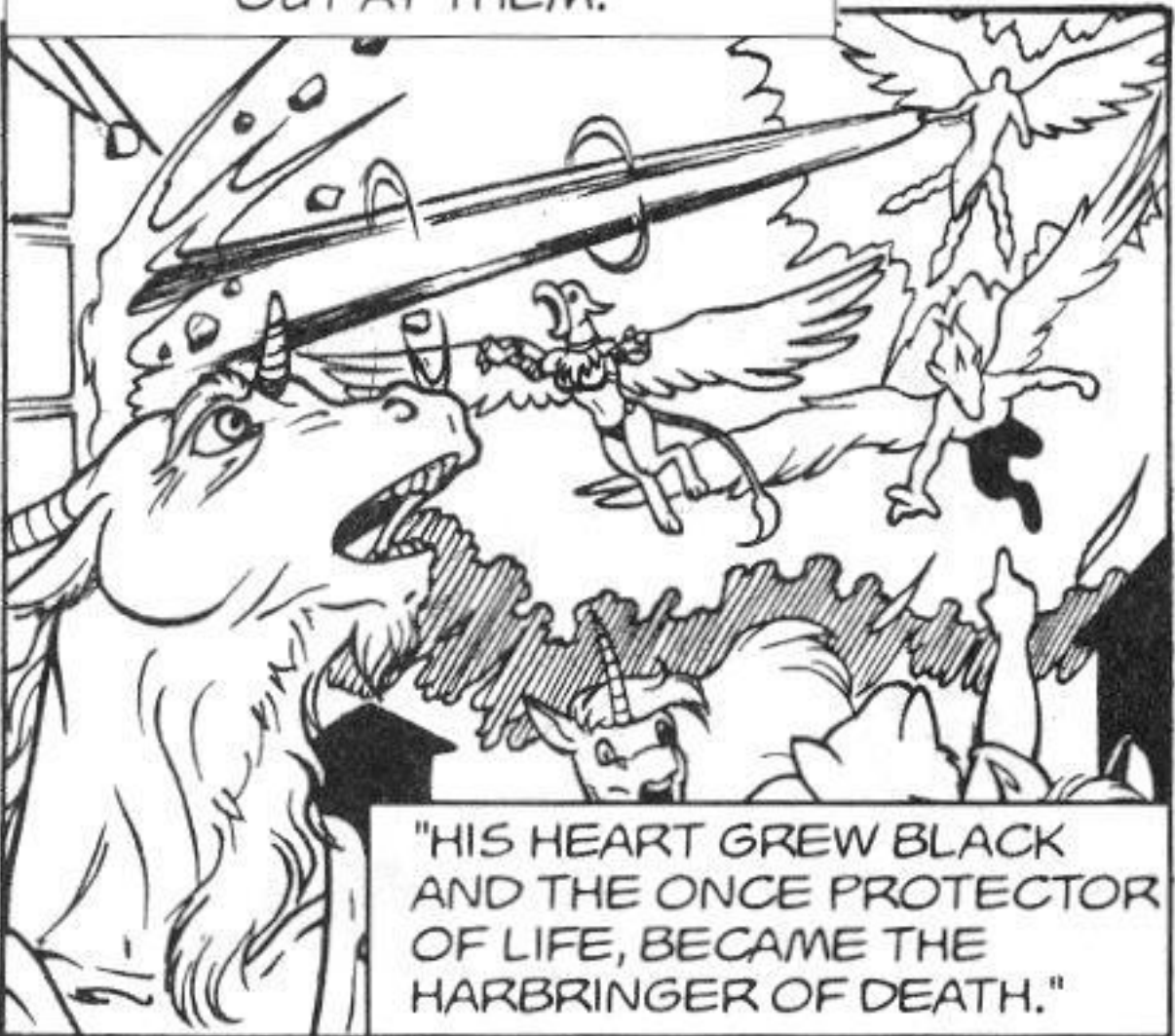
"BUT SOON SORROW WOULD
TURN TO BLIND RAGE.

PHIONIX WAS CONFUSED ABOUT
WHY HIS BELOVED HAD LEFT HIM
ALONE.



HE ENVIED THOSE WHO COULD
LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES WITH
THEIR MATES, SO HE LASHED
OUT AT THEM.

HE FELT CURSED BECAUSE
HE WOULD BE FORCED TO
CONTINUE LIVING WITHOUT
HER."



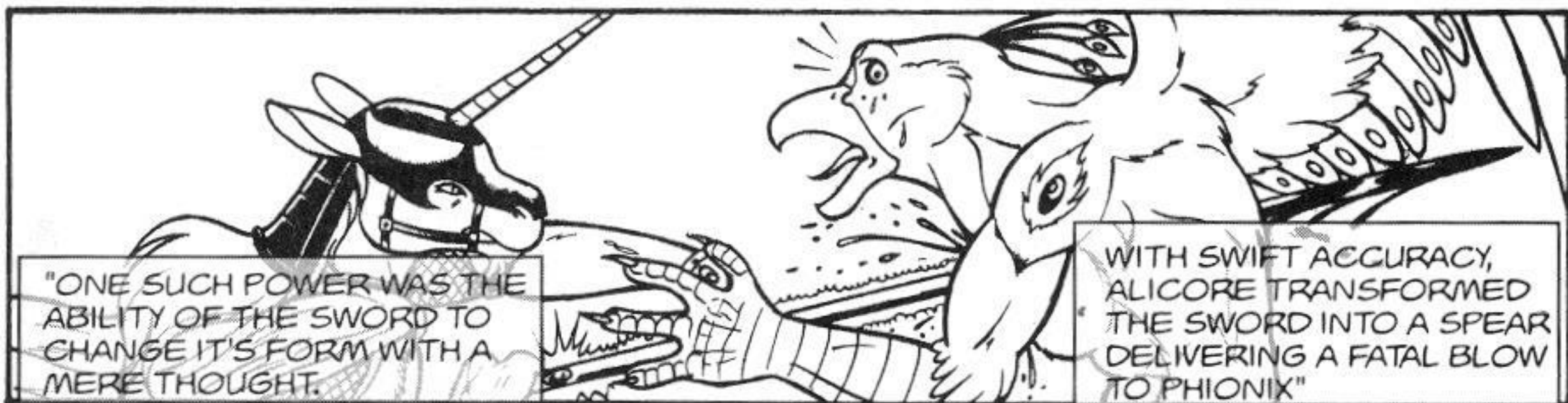
"HIS HEART GREW BLACK
AND THE ONCE PROTECTOR
OF LIFE, BECAME THE
HARBINGER OF DEATH."



"IT WAS THE UNICORN KING ALICORE WHO FOUND PHIONIX'S STAR BLADE AND BRAVED TO CHALLENGE HIM.



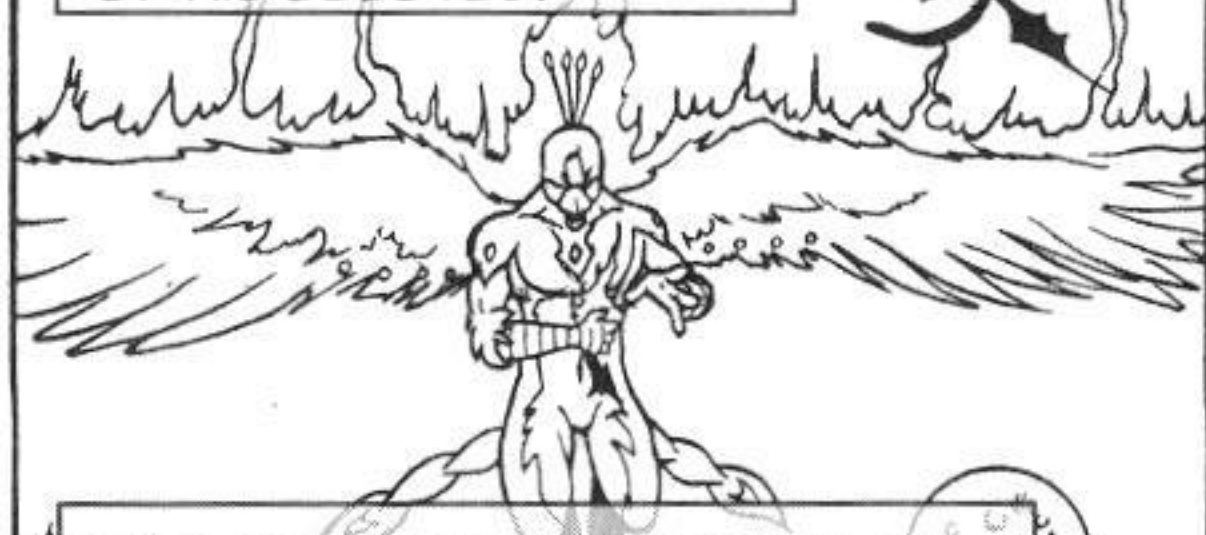
ALICORE KNEW THAT BECAUSE THE SWORD WAS ENCRUSTED WITH A PHOENIX'S SUNSTONE, THE WEAPON POSSESSED AMAZING POWERS."



"ONE SUCH POWER WAS THE ABILITY OF THE SWORD TO CHANGE IT'S FORM WITH A MERE THOUGHT.

WITH SWIFT ACCURACY, ALICORE TRANSFORMED THE SWORD INTO A SPEAR DELIVERING A FATAL BLOW TO PHIONIX"

"HIS LIFE FLAME FADING, PHIONIX ONCE AGAIN RETURNED TO THE BODY OF HIS BELOVED.



THE CONFLICT HAD OPENED HIS EYES TO THE DESTRUCTION HE CAUSED AND HE WAS SADDENED.

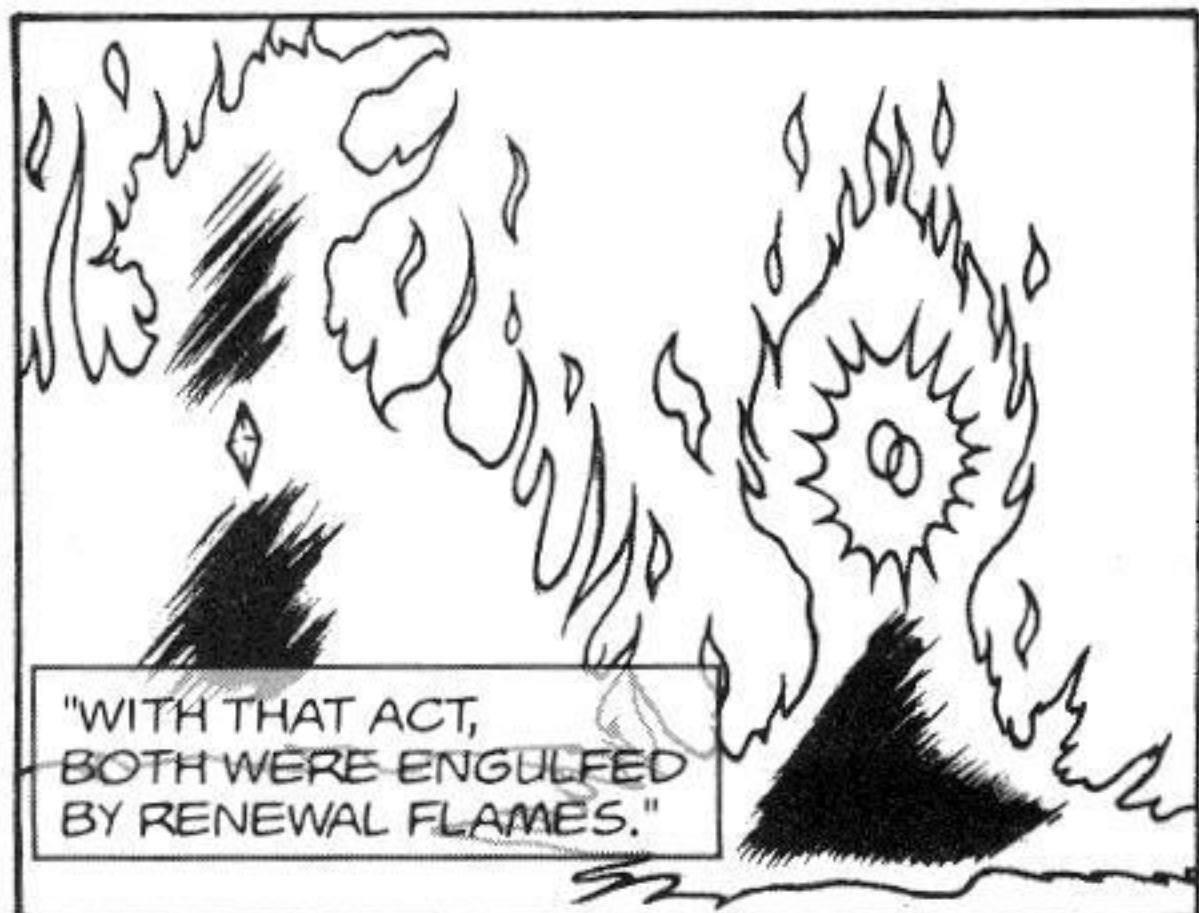


HE VOWED THAT NO PHOENIX AFTER HIM WOULD HAVE TO FACE SUCH A LONELY EXISTANCE."

"TAKING TWO OF HIS SUNSTONES FROM HIS BODY, HE DIVIDED



HALF OF HIS LIFE ENERGY AND EMPOWERED THE STONES AND MERGED THEM WITH PHELIA'S BODY."



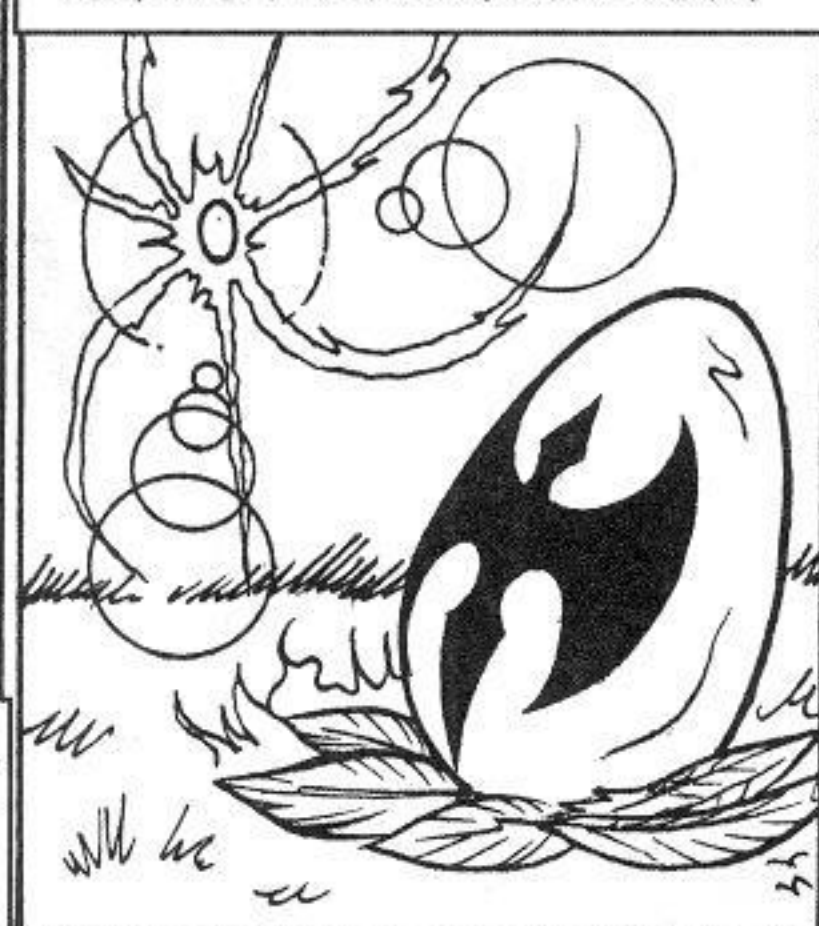
"WITH THAT ACT, BOTH WERE ENGULFED BY RENEWAL FLAMES."

"FROM THE FLAMES, TWO EGGS WERE FORMED, ONE WITH A MALE AND ONE WITH



THE FIRST FEMALE PHOENIX. FOR YOU SEE, NORMALLY PHOENIXES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MALE."

"AND BECAUSE ONLY ONE PHOENIX CAN EXIST ON A PLANE OF REALITY AT ONCE, ONE DISAPPEARED TO ANOTHER DIMENSION."



"THE REMAINING EGG WAS FOUND BY A GROUP OF YOUNG JACKALOPEES, MYSELF INCLUDED."



"THAT EGG WOULD HATCH TO BE PHENIX, WHOM WE RAISED. TO MY FAMILY'S SURPRISE, WE MANAGED TO LIVE MUCH LONGER THEN NORMAL JACKALOPEES."



XENIF HATCHED FROM THE OTHER EGG IN A PARALLEL UNIVERSE, AND IT WOULD SEEM THAT INSTINCT HAS DRIVEN HIM TO SEEK HER OUT AND UNIT WITH HER.



"YOU KNOW, THE STORY'S GREAT AND ALL, BUT HOW DOES THAT HELP US WITH OUR CURRENT PROBLEM?"



IT'S SIMPLE WALICE.

XENIF AND PHENIX ARE LIKE TWO MAGNETS, DRAWN TO ONE ANOTHER. IF XENIF PAIRS WITH PHENIX, THEIR TWO HALVES OF THE PHOENIX ESSENCE WILL BECOME WHOLE.



PROPHET, WE HAVE TO REACH HER. IF THEY UNITE WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET THEM BACK.

YOU MAY TAKE MY SKYRAYS.

TAKE CARE, YOUNG ONES.

THE SUN WILL SOON
SET, AND THAT WILL BE
YOUR ADVANTAGE, SINCE
A PHOENIX'S STRENGTH
IS GAINED FROM THE
SUN.



DO YOU THINK
THEY WILL
SUCCEED?

PERHAPS, THEY MAY
RESCUE MY DAUGHTER,
BUT NOT ALL OF THEM
WILL COME FROM
THIS BATTLE WHOLE.



I SWEAR, TAKE ANOTHER STEP AND I'LL CLOCK YOU AGAIN.



THERE'S PLENTY MORE VASES WHERE THAT ONE CAME FROM.

I TOLD YOU I'D NEVER HARM YOU. I ONLY SOUGHT TO PROTECT YOU.



DON'T YOU DARE!

DON'T YOU DARE SAY YOU DID IT FOR ME!

SMASH!



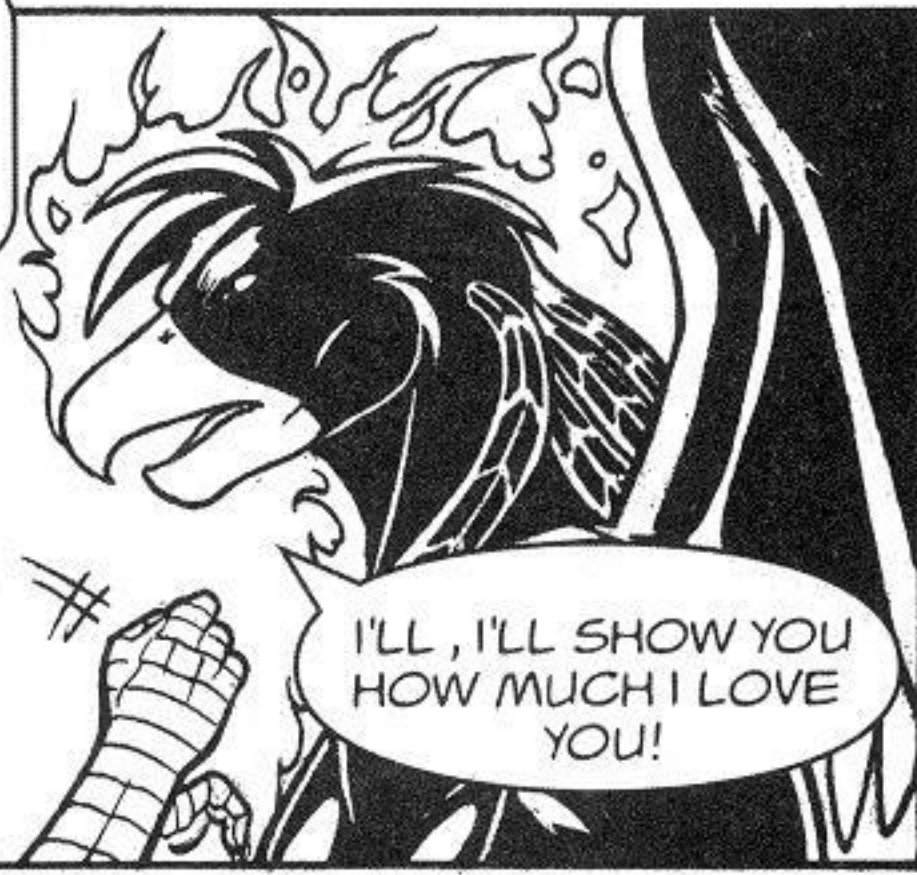
YOU KILLED HER WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT! HOW CAN YOU CLAIM TO LOVE ME WHEN YOU'VE SHOWN YOU CAN BE SO HEARTLESS!



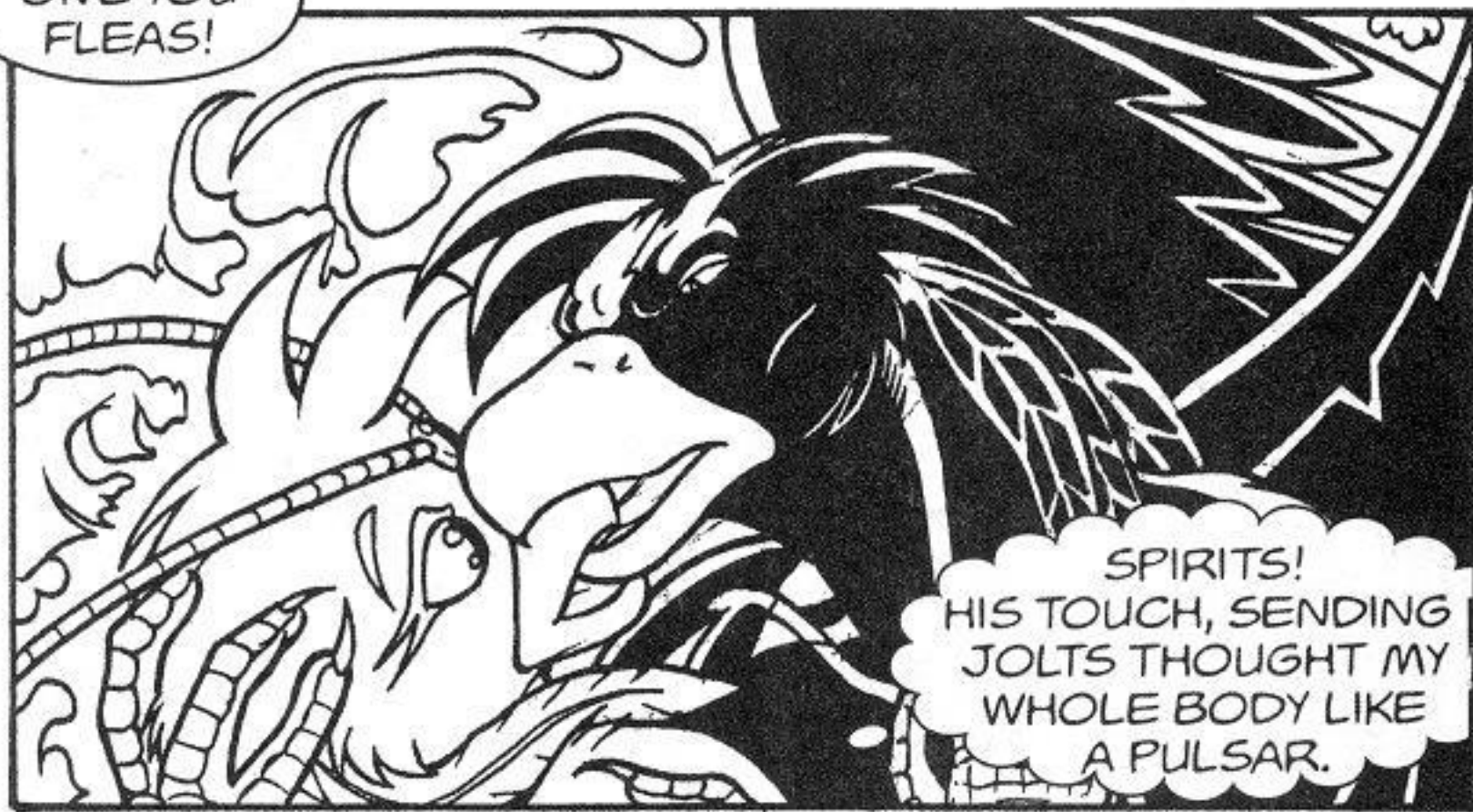
YOU QUESTION MY LOVE FOR YOU? AFTER I'VE TRAVELED GALAXIES, SECURED A HOME, AND CARE TO YOUR EVERY NEED?



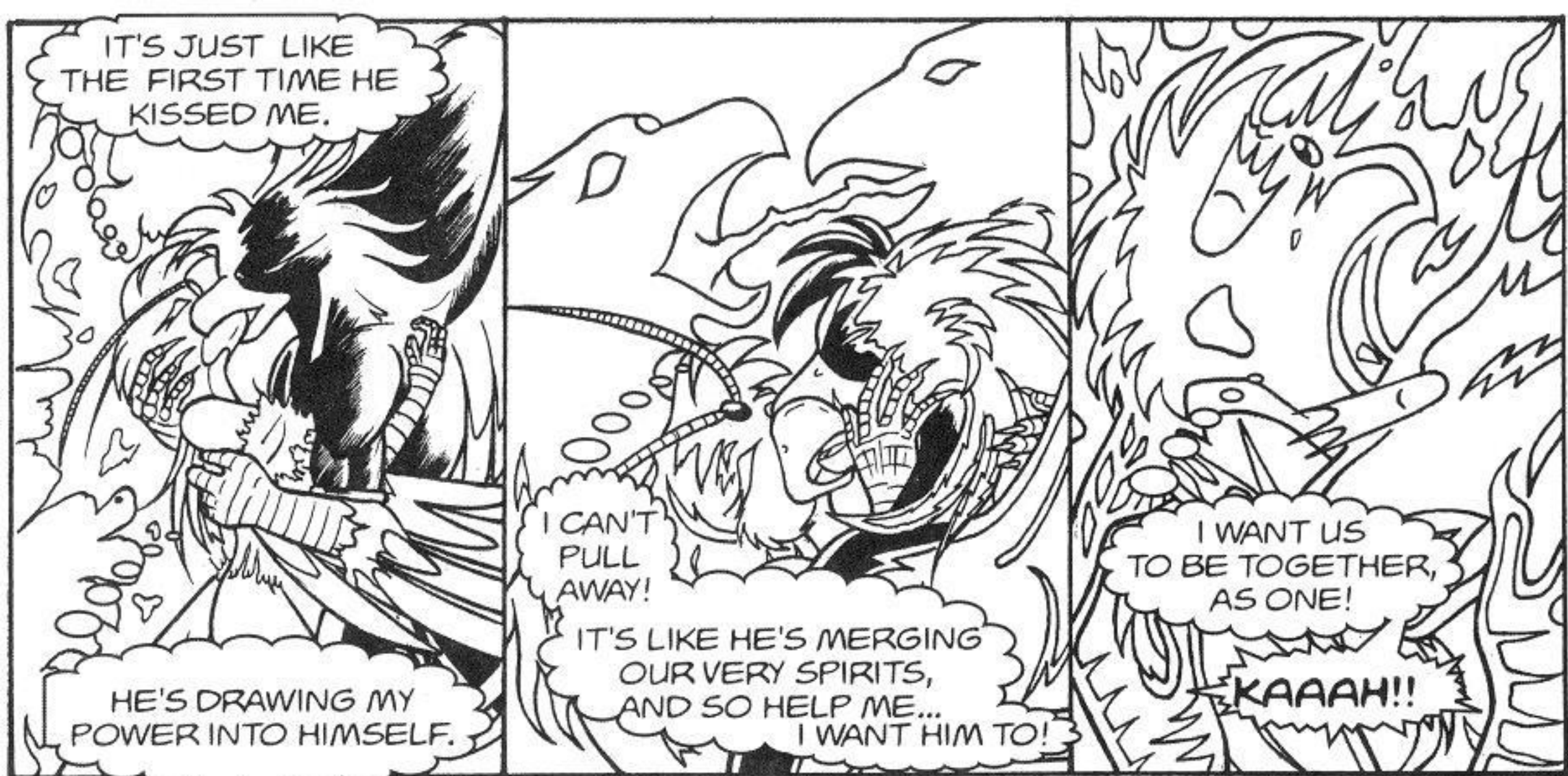
I HOPE I GIVE YOU FLEAS!



I'LL , I'LL SHOW YOU HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU!



SPIRITS! HIS TOUCH, SENDING JOLTS THOUGHT MY WHOLE BODY LIKE A PULSAR.



IT'S JUST LIKE
THE FIRST TIME HE
KISSED ME.

HE'S DRAWING MY
POWER INTO HIMSELF.

I CAN'T
PULL
AWAY!

IT'S LIKE HE'S MERGING
OUR VERY SPIRITS,
AND SO HELP ME...
I WANT HIM TO!

I WANT US
TO BE TOGETHER,
AS ONE!

KAAAH!!



PLEASE DON'T BE ANGRY,
UMNUS, <SNIF>, BUT I COULDN'T
LET YOU FACE XENIF.

HE WOULD HAVE KILLED
YOU, AND SINCE HE WOULDN'T
LISTEN TO OUR WARNING ABOUT
MAELSTROM,
IT HAD TO TAKE YOU
TO THE ONLY OTHERS
I KNEW WHO COULD
HELP.



H...HELLO?

GROWLLL!

COME TO GLOAT
SOME MORE?



WHEN WILL YOU END
OUR SUFFERING AND
GET THIS OVER WITH?
OR WILL OUR SON
RESERVE THAT HONOR
FOR HIMSELF?

LOBO,
DON'T



WE'RE NOT HERE
TO ADD TO YOUR
SUFFERING. WE'RE
HERE TO FREE YOU
AND ASK YOUR
HELP.

ARGH!
THE LIGHT!

MAELSTROM HAS A PHOENIX'S STARBLADE. WITH IT, HE INTENDS TO KILL XENIF AND PHENIX.

YES, BUT PHENIX IS AN INNOCENT. SHE'S AS MUCH A PRISONER HERE AS YOU ARE.

GOOD RIDDANCE, THEN THAT CARRION EATER HELPED OUR SON PUT CANAS AND I HERE.

YOUNG ONE, WAIT. YOU MUST RELEASE OUR LORD. HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS THE TRUE POWER OF THE STARBLADE.

SHE SPEAKS THE TRUTH.

RELEASE ME AND I GIVE YOU MY WORD, AS SON OF ALICORE, I UNICORE, WILL HELP PUNISH MY BROTHER -

-MAELSTROM FOR THE HAVOC HE'S CAUSED UPON THIS LAND.

OK, QUICKLY, BEFORE ANY GUARDS RETURN TO...

GASPI!!

THEY'RE FREE!

LIEUTENANT, KILL THEM!



WE WOULD HAVE WORDS WITH YOU, SON.

DROP THE SPEAR SOLDIER.



LORD UNICORE!
I THOUGHT...

EARTHQUAKE!



OOH, THIS IS AMAZING.
I'VE NEVER FELT SUCH POWER IN MY HANDS BEFORE.

IT CHANGES SHAPE WITH NOTHING BUT A THOUGHT.



YES, AND WITH IT, WE'LL KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STROKE.



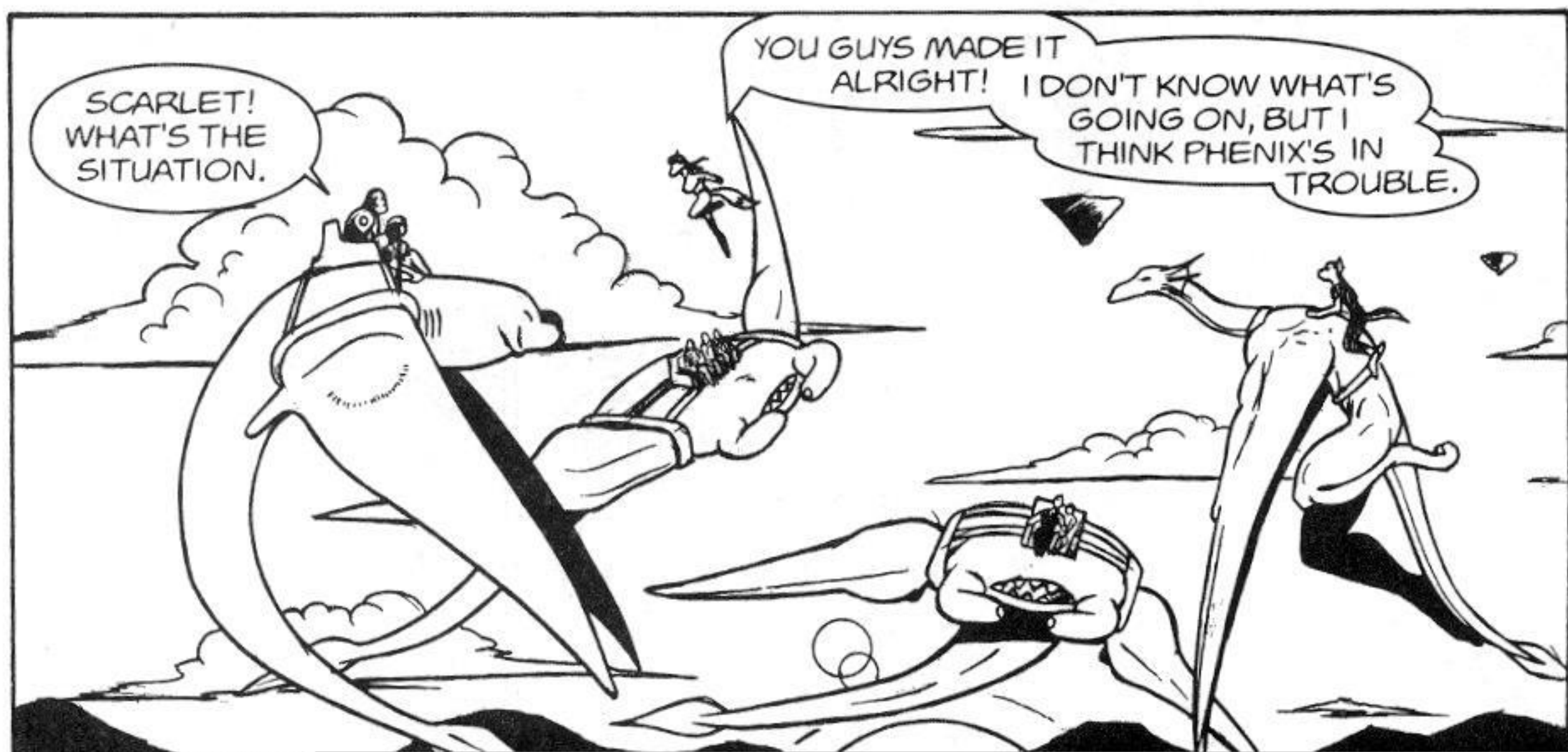
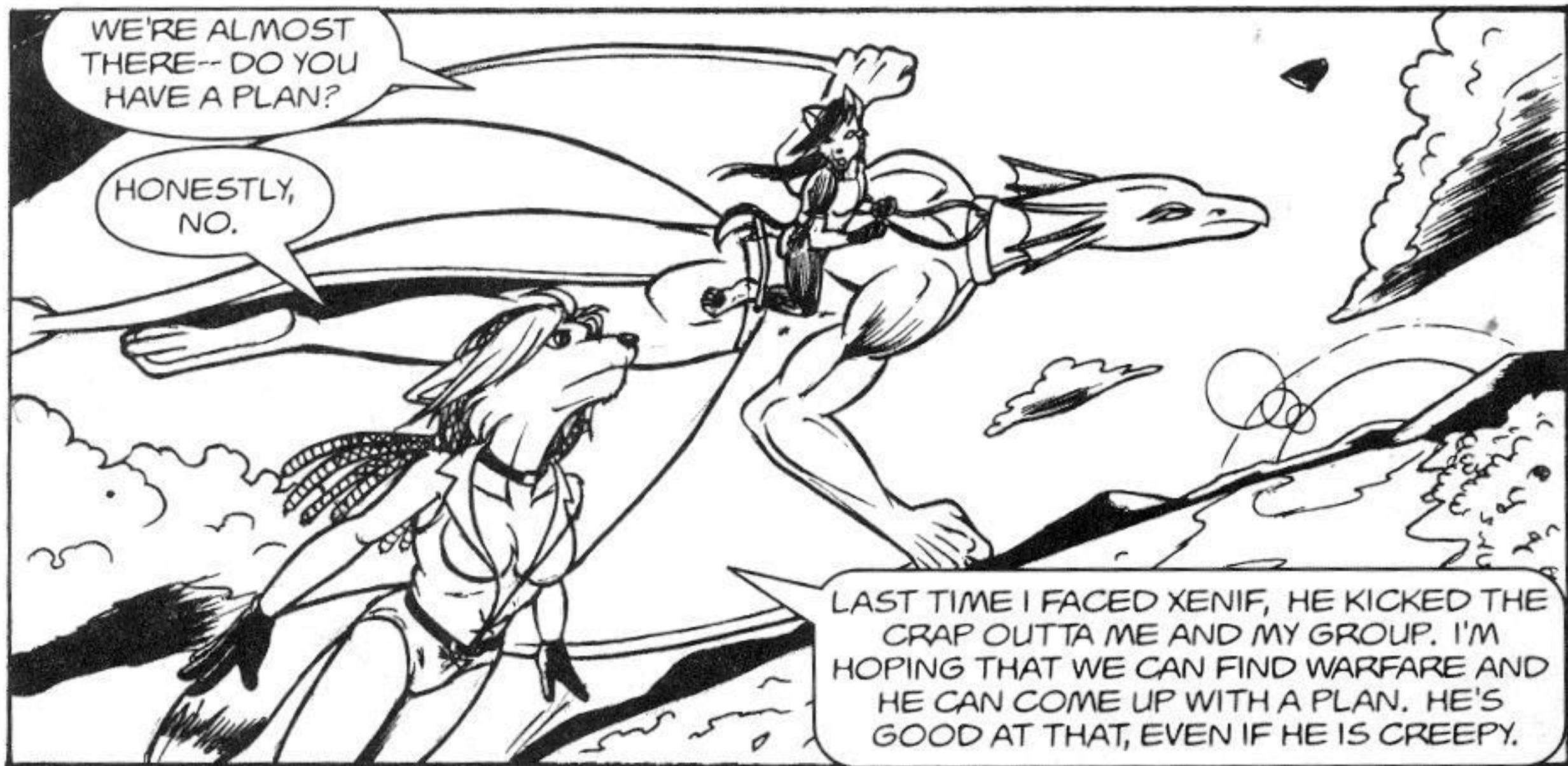
AND TOGETHER WE'LL RULE THIS REALM.

YES, MY STALLION.



WHAT?
THE CASTLE IS SHAKING!

THAT CRY!
IT'S THE PHOENIXES!



GASP!
AN EXPLOSION!

THE CEILING'S
COLLAPSING!
FIND COVER!!

I KNEW I SHOULD HAVE
TAKEN CARE OF THIS
SOONER!

DAMN! THEY'RE
BRINGING MY CASTLE
DOWN!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING!

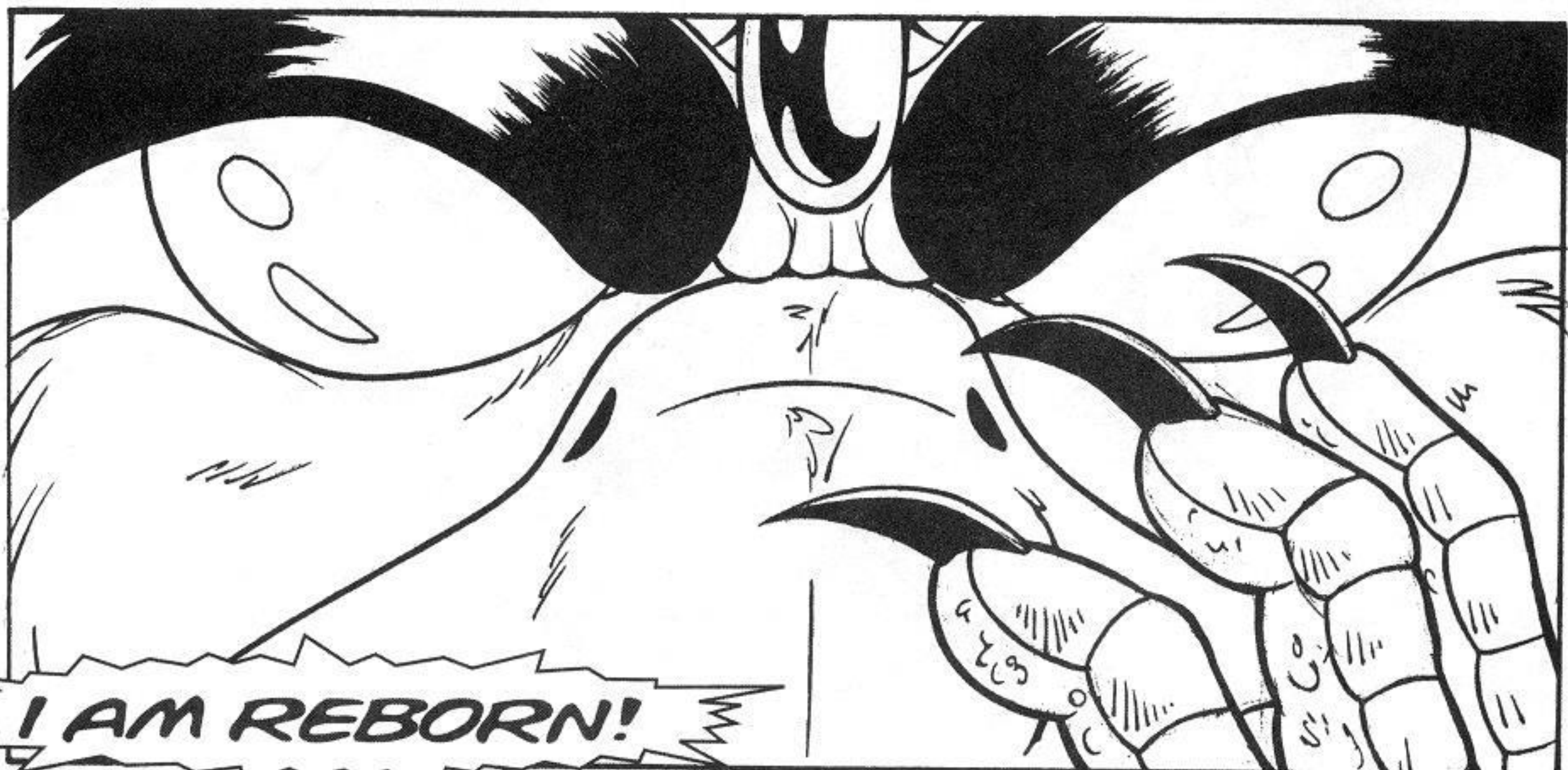
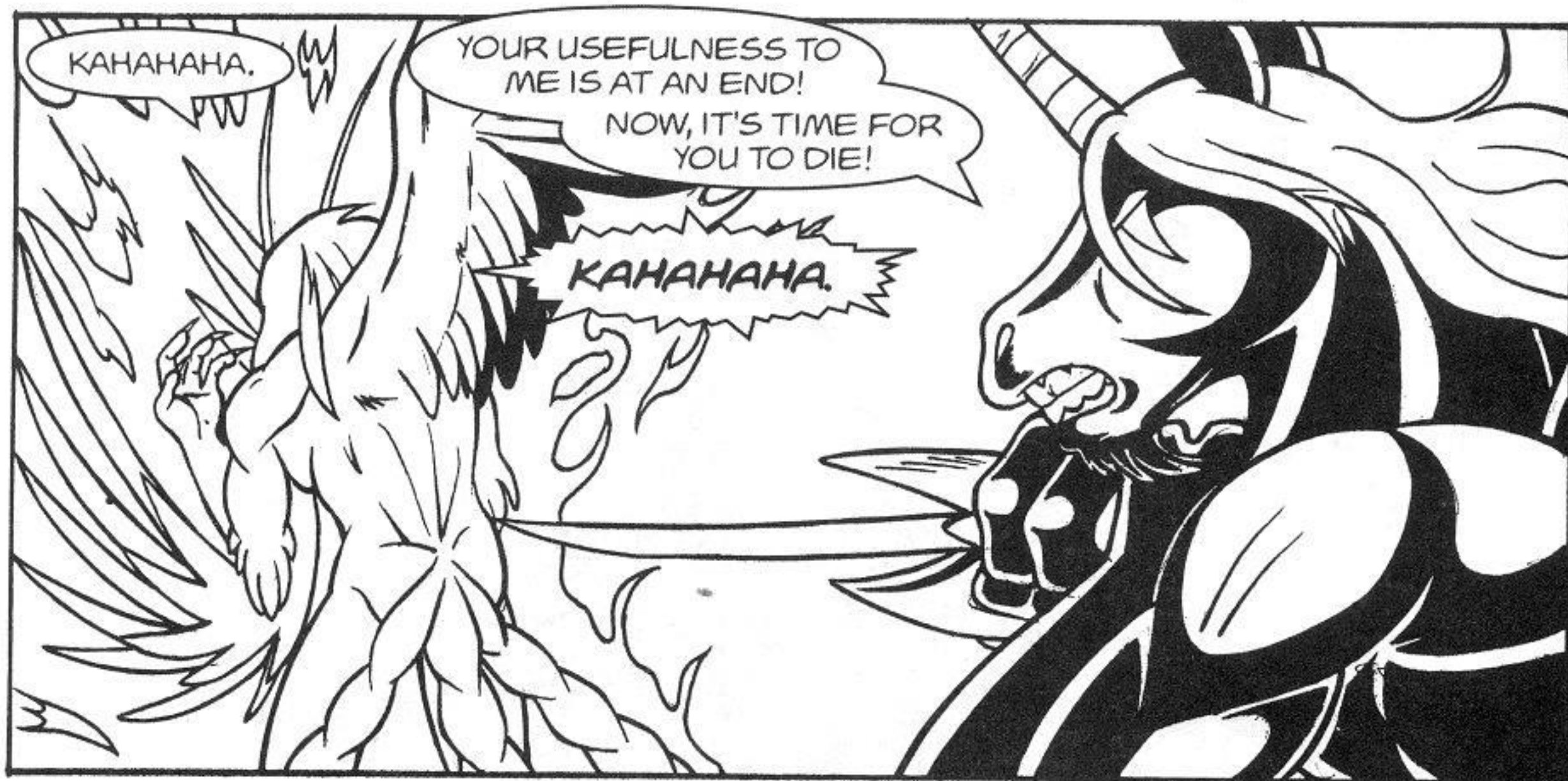
I DON'T
KNOW!

OUR POWERS ARE
MERGING! OUR
BODIES ARE MERGING!

YESS!

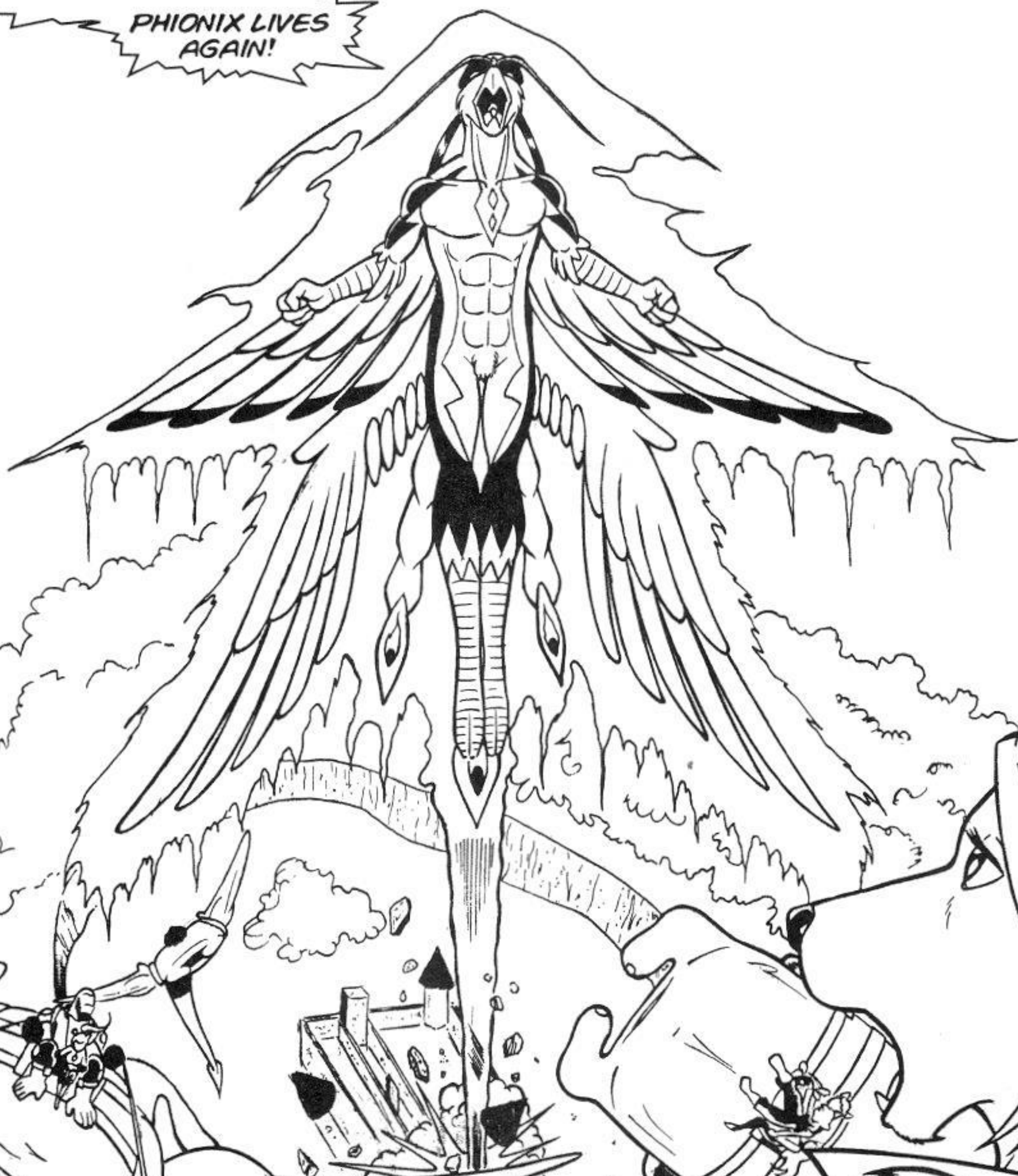
WE ARE ONE
AGAIN!

XENIF!

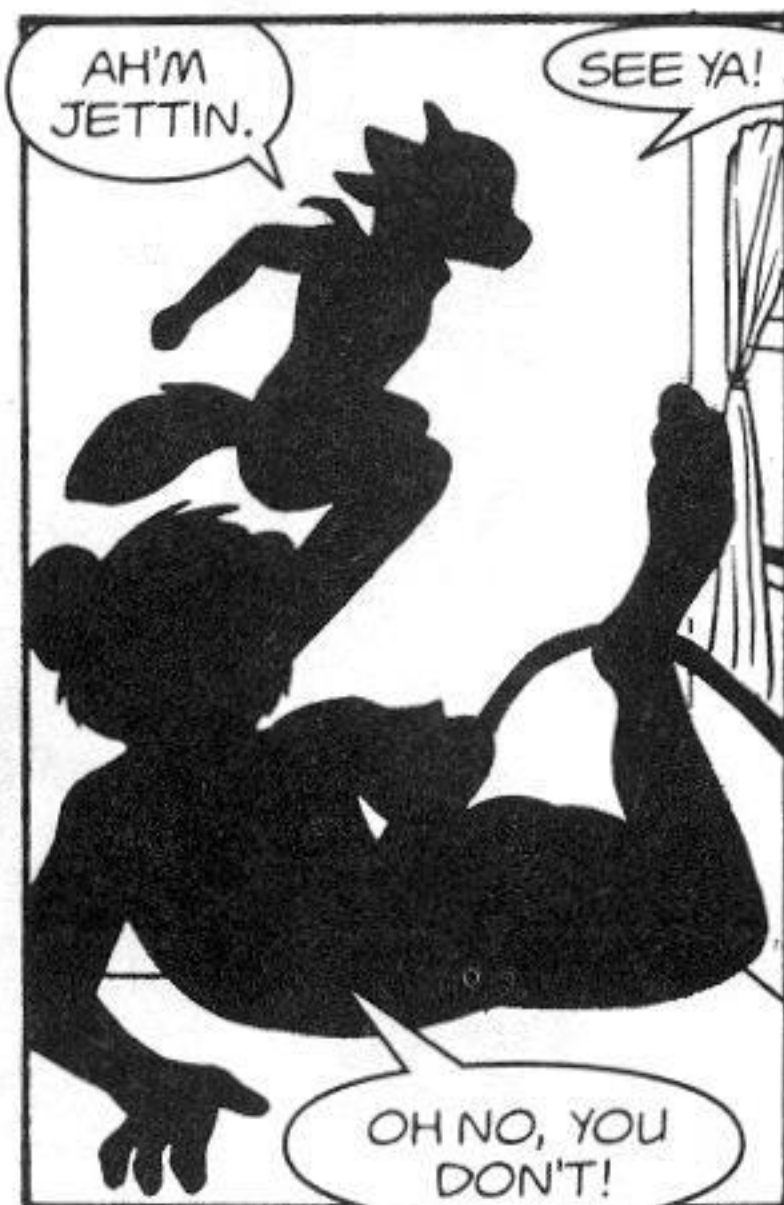


SCREEECH!

PHIONIX LIVES
AGAIN!



NOW, WHO'S
THE FIRST TO
DIE?



NOW, YOU'RE GOING TO

HEY

YOU'RE A GIRL!

DUH!

TAKE A PICTURE, IT'LL
LAST LONGER, AND WATCH
WHERE YOU'RE PUTTIN' YOUR
PAWS, CHEESER!



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DID YOU GET ALL THAT, FIREFOX?

SIR, YES SIR...

STILL WITH THAT TONE, EH, CAPTAIN?

YES SIR...



HERE, ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE MISSION IS IN THIS FOLDER. CAPTAIN...



ALRIGHT FOXES, HOP TO!!!

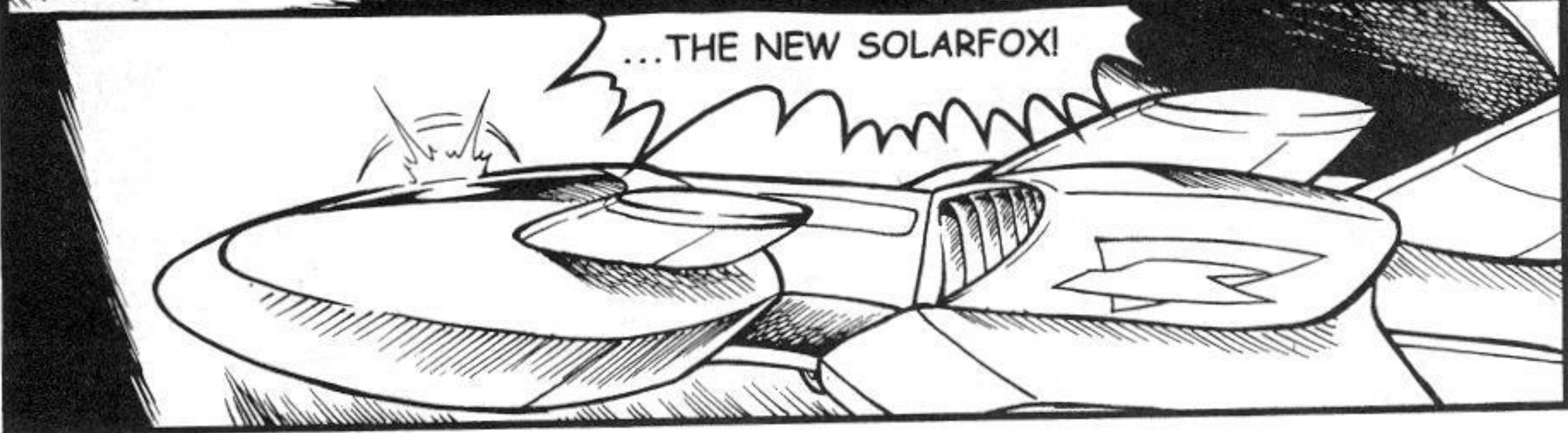


SO WHAT'S YOUR ROLE IN ALL THIS, CAPTAIN?

MY ROLE IS TO KEEP YOU ALL IN LINE, LITTLE CAPTAIN. ANYWAY, WE'RE HERE



LEMME INTRODUCE YOU TO...



...THE NEW SOLARFOX!

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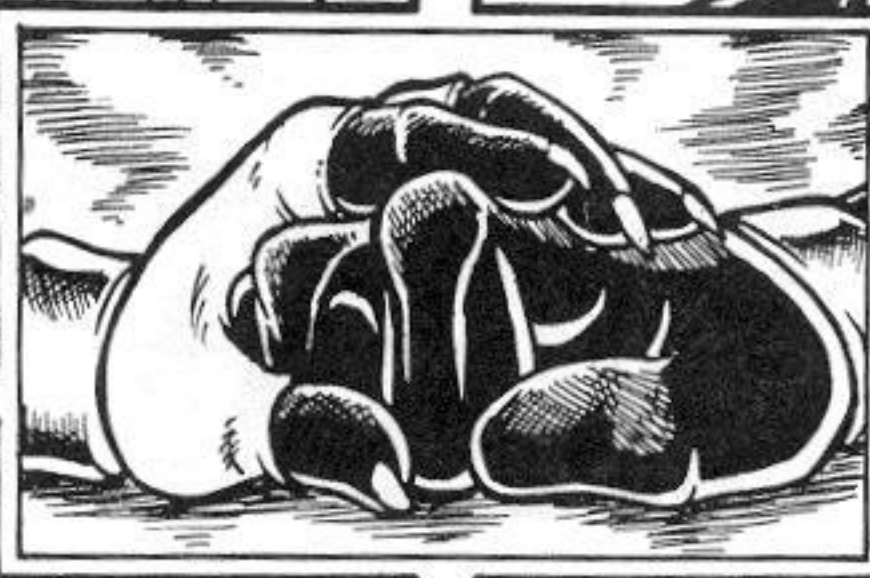
RED? YOU OKAY?

I DON'T KNOW ARTICA, I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK I'M MAKING A HUGE MISTAKE. WE SHOULDN'T BE HERE...

RED, YOU'VE LED US THROUGH A LOT THESE PAST FEW YEARS, DON'T START DOUBTING YOURSELF NOW.

I KNOW BUT STILL...

LOOK, YOU'RE NOT PERFECT AND YOU CAN'T SEE THE FUTURE, JUST DO YOUR BEST AND IT'LL ALL WORK OUT. JUST REMEMBER, I'M ALWAYS BEHIND YOU RED... WE'RE ALL BEHIND YOU.



NOW ARE WE GONNA SIT HERE, OR ARE WE GONNA BUST THIS MISSION WIDE OPEN?!

OKAY SOLARFOXES, PREPARE FOR TAKE OFF!!!



HEH, YOU GOT IT...



TO BE CONTINUED.